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# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Transportation Committee Minutes September 30, 2010

Cook County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** 

Chair Chris Snyder-DuPage County, Charles Abraham-IDOT/DPIT, Reggie Arkell-FTA, Michael Bolton-Pace, Marty Buehler –Lake County, Maria Choca Urban-CNT, Michael Connelly-CTA, John Donovan–FHWA, Henry Guerriero-ISTHA, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Robert Hann-Private Providers, David Kralik- Metra, Don Kopec-CMAP, Jamy Lyne–Will County, Arlene Mulder-Council of Mayors, Jason Osborn-McHenry County, Leanne Redden-RTA, Tom Rickert-Kane County, Chad Riddle-IDOT/District One, Keith Sherman-IDOT Office and Planning and Programming, P.S. Sriraj-UIC/UTC, Steve Strains-NIRPC, Mike Sullivan–

Kendall County

**Members Absent:** 

John Beissel-Cook County, Wes Lujan-Railroads, Randy Neufeld-Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mike Rogers-IEPA, Joe Schofer-Northwestern University, Peter Skosey-MPC, Ken Yunker-SEWRPC

**Others Present:** 

Mike Albin, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Allison Bos, Len Cannata, Bruce Carmitchel, Bruce Christensen, Jay Civarella, Steve Coffinbargar, Bola Delano, Bud Fleming, , Christina Kupkowski, Brian Plum, David Seglin, Susan Stitt, Mike Walczak, Jan Ward, Tammy Wierciak

**Staff Present:** 

Randy Blankenhorn, Patricia Berry, Claire Bozic, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Gordon Smith

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Chris Snyder called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2011

On a motion by Mayor Mulder and a second by Mr. Bolton, the minutes were approved as presented.

#### 4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports.

There was no Regional Coordinating committee meeting. Ms. Redden reported that the Local Coordinating Committee met on August 10<sup>th</sup>. She reported that the committee recommended approval of the staff recommendation for Community Planning Grants to the CMAP Board and noted that the Transportation Committee had approved the same recommendation on behalf of the Policy Committee in August. The committee also discussed the public engagement underway for the LTA program, future grants and procurements, and a proposed schedule for future LTA applications.

#### 5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

#### 5.1 FY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that the TIP amendments were released for a 7 day public comment period with no comments received. Mr. Kos also requested committee approval of revisions to TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures Attachment A, including designating federal fiscal years 2011 and 2012 as selected years in the TIP and updating the list of federal fund sources. On a motion by Mr. Connelly and a second by Mr. Abraham, the TIP revisions were approved unanimously.

#### 5.2 Semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendments

Mr. Kos informed the committee that the 30-day public comment period ended September 30<sup>th</sup> with no comments received and requested that the transportation committee recommend approval of the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP Amendments. On a motion by Ms. Hamilton and a second by Mr. Kopec the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendments were unanimously recommended to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee for approval.

#### 5.3 Proposed Dates for 2012 meetings

The committee was asked to review the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2012 and to contact staff with any concerns. Approval will be requested at the November TC meeting.

## 6.0 CMAQ Update

Mr. Ferguson informed the committee that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee concurred with the staff responses to the public comments received and recommended approval of the Proposed FY 2012-2016 CMAQ Program with a revised multi-year B (MYB) list to the committee. Mr. Snyder asked for clarification on the procedure for

advancing projects on the MYB list into the current program. Mr. Buehler responded, as a member of the Project Selection Committee, that the committee would be discussing procedures for advancing MYB projects and would also be evaluating the results of the GO TO 2040 Focused Programming approach in the near future. On a motion by Ms. Redden and seconded by Ms. Mulder the Transportation Committee unanimously concurs with the staff responses to the public comments received and recommends approval of the Proposed FFY 2012-2016 CMAQ Program and Multi-Year B list to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

### 7.0 GO TO 2040 Updates

#### 7.1 Major Capital Projects

Ms. Bozic presented an overview of the status of GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects, Constrained, and Unconstrained Projects that has been collected through contacts, websites, Federal Register notices, and news articles. She noted that the status document will be a regular agenda item in the future and requested that committee members contact her with updates, corrections or additional information.

### 7.2 Action Area Updates

Mr. Dean explained that staff will be creating a report describing actions that have occurred in the last year that have advanced the implementation of GO TO 2040. He requested that committee members inform CMAP staff of any activities by their agencies that could be highlighted in this report by October 21st.

#### 8.0 Preliminary RTA Funding Programs of Projects

Mr. Ciavarella provided an overview of the Preliminary RTA Funding Programs of Projects and noted that the public comment period ends September 30<sup>th</sup>. The RTA Board will consider the projects on October 20 and will consider adoption of the 2012 budget on December 15.

#### 9.0 Local Technical Assistance Program (LTA)

Mr. Dean gave a brief update of the activities of LTA program.

### 10.0 State Agenda

Mr. Smith stated that staff was in the process of developing CMAP's state agenda based on the principles of GO TO 2040. The Committee was asked to participate in this process and forward thoughts and comments to the Legislative group.

#### 11.0 Other Business

There was no other business

#### 12.0 Public Comment

Mr. Armstrong commented that there were no sidewalks on the southwest corner of Lake and Church in Hanover Park, making it difficult to access Pace Route 554 to Woodfield

Mall. Ms. Armstrong commented that she observed children playing on the Metra tracks in Elmwood Park and Metra police need to be a presence. Mr. Kralik responded that Metra's Operation Lifesaver Train Safety Awareness Program was one of the tenets that Metra uses to address these issues. The program emphasizes safety and is one of Metra's proactive measures to educate children and the public and to promote safety.

### 13.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Redden, seconded by Mr. Guerriero, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.